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In re application of:

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For: **Methods and Compositions for  
Regulated Transcription and  
Expression of Heterologous Genes**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

***In the Specification:***

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, following the title of the application, and replace it with the following paragraph.

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/232,861, filed January 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,410, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/812,665, filed March 7, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,981,839, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/484,941, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,750,385, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/105,852, filed August 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,753,475. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/105,852 is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/526,123, filed May 21, 1990, <sup>now abandoned</sup> ~~pending~~, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/267,685, filed November 2, 1988, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 06/692,605, filed January 17, 1995, now abandoned. U.S.

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